



In 2008, 2,491 Arizona children were hospitalized or seen in an emergency department for a non-fatal burn injury.

4 children died from fires or burns.

The longest hospital stay for a non-fatal burn injury was 44 days.

99.4% of all burn/scald injuries among children were unintentional.

Children ages 1 through 4 years had the highest number and rate of non-fatal injury from fire or burns (n=1,264; 314 per 100,000 residents).

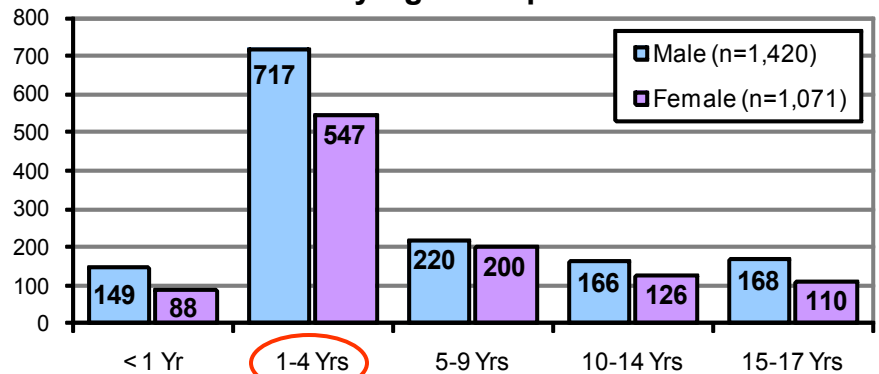
2,242 of the non-fatal hospitalizations and ED visits were from unintentional contact with hot objects or substances (90.6%)

233 of the non-fatal hospitalizations and ED visits were from unintentional fire or flames (9.4%)

# Burn and Scald Injuries Among Children Age 0 through 17 Years

Arizona, 2008

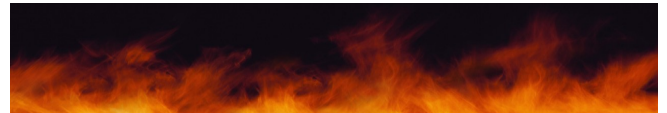
By Age Group and Gender



The 2,324 non-fatal emergency department visits totaled over \$3.1 million in hospital charges.

On average, each non-fatal inpatient hospitalization resulted in \$62,629 in hospital charges.

Total hospital charges for all non-fatal inpatient hospitalizations were over **\$10.4 million.**



Among the 2,242 unintentional burns from hot objects or substances

## Prevent burn injuries from fire and hot objects

- Set your water heater to 120 degrees or less
- Test bath water before putting a child in it
- Keep electrical cords out of children's reach, so they can't pull hot appliances down
- Watch children around space heaters
- Store chemicals and cleaning products in a locked cabinet
- Create and practice a family fire escape plan
- Make sure cigarettes are completely out
- Never leave candles unattended
- Install smoke alarms in your home
- Seek immediate medical attention for burns to the face, hands, or feet

Hot/boiling tap water  
7% (n=151)

Caustic or corrosive substances  
8% (n=187)

Other hot objects  
47% (n=1,042)

Hot liquids or vapors  
36% (n=808)

Unspecified hot objects or substances  
2% (n=53)

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